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(54) DEVICE AND METHOD FOR RETRIEVING DATA

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To reduce the burden of an operator by identifying the data which are coincident with the designated conditions or the data to be used as candidates.

SOLUTION: When the retrieval conditions including the designated time is set for retrieving the stored data having the added time information, the data are retrieved under the set retrieval conditions. When such data are retrieved, a list of these data is shown in a retrieval result display area (S822). Meanwhile, when those data are not retrieved, the data having the time information that is later than and most approximate to the designated time which is included in the retrieval conditions. Then the time is newly designated according to the time information and the data are retrieved. The retrieved data are shown in a display form that is different from that of the step S822.

